

the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–185). **Pages H2048–49**

Suspensions: House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

SEC reauthorization: H.R. 2972, amended, to authorize appropriations for the Securities and Exchange Commission, and to reduce the fees collected under the Federal securities laws; **Pages H2050–53**

FAA revitalization: H.R. 2276, amended, to establish the Federal Aviation Administration as an independent establishment in the executive branch;

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Bi-State development: H.J. Res. 78, amended, to grant the consent of the Congress to certain additional powers conferred upon the Bi-State Development Agency by the States of Missouri and Illinois (passed by a recorded vote of 405 yeas, Roll No. 57);

Pages H2068–69, H2082–83

Chattahoochee compact: H.R. 2064, to grant the consent of Congress to an amendment of the Historic Chattahoochee Compact between the States of Alabama and Georgia; and

Pages H2069–70, H2083

Terrorism attacks in Israel: H. Con. Res. 149, amended, condemning terror attacks in Israel (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas, Roll No. 58).

Pages H2070–74, H2083–84

American Overseas Interests: By a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 59, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1561, the American Overseas Interests Act of 1995—clearing the measure for Senate action.

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H. Res. 375, the rule waiving all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration, was agreed to earlier by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 56. **Pages H2075–82**

Committee Funding: House agreed to H. Res. 377, providing amounts for further expenses of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct in the second session of the One Hundred Fourth Congress.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2082, H2082–83, H2083–84, and H2094–95.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held appropriation hearing on Food and Drug Administration. Testimony was heard from David A. Kessler, M.D. Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the following: Corporation for National and Community Service; Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission; National Commission on Libraries; and the National Council on Disability. Testimony was heard from Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National and Community Service; May Lu Jordan, Chairperson, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission; John Calhoun Wells, Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; Jeanne Hurley Simon, Chairperson, National Commission on Libraries; and Kate Pew Wolters, member and Chairperson, Committee on Finance, National Council on Disability.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the Coast Guard. Testimony was heard from Adm. Robert E. Kramek, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on developments in financial law enforcement. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Eljay B. Bowron, Director, U.S. Secret Service; John W. Magaw, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; Charles F. Rinkevich, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; Donald K. Vogel, Assistant Commissioner, Criminal Investigation, IRS; and Stanley E. Morris, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Oversight: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 377, providing amounts

for further expenses of the Committee on Standards of Office Conduct in the second session of the 104th Congress; a resolution adopting regulations implementing Congressional Accountability Act (House); a resolution adopting regulations implementing Congressional Accountability Act (other entities); H.R. 3058, to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to extend the period for receipt of absentee ballots; and S. Con. Res. 34, to authorize the printing of "Vice Presidents of the United States, 1789–1993."

The Committee also approved other pending Committee business.

PLO COMMITMENT COMPLIANCE— TERRORIST THREAT TO ISRAEL

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on PLO Commitment Compliance and the Terrorist Threat to Israel. Testimony was heard from Robert H. Pelletreau, Assistant Secretary, Near East and South Asian Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZING EXPORT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on exports, growth and jobs and reauthorizing Federal Export Assistance programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2925, Antitrust Health Care Advancement Act of 1996; H.R. 2937, amended, for the reimbursement of legal expenses and related fees incurred by former employees of the White House Travel Office with respect to the termination of their employment in that Office on May 19, 1993; H.R. 2511, Anticounterfeiting Consumer Protection Act of 1995; H.R. 1861, amended, to make technical corrections in the Satellite Home Viewer Act of 1994 and other provisions of title 17, United States Code; H.R. 1734, amended, National Film Preservation Act of 1995; H.R. 2977, Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996; H.J. Res. 129, granting the consent of Congress to the Vermont-New Hampshire Interstate Public Water Supply Compact; and H.R. 2604, to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges.

The Committee also approved the following: private claims bills; and its Budget Views and Estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel continued hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, receiving a quality-of-life and compensation review. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Frederick Pang, Assistant Secretary, Force Management Policy; Lt. Gen. Theodore G. Stroup, Jr., USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Department of the Army; VAdm. Frank L. Bowman, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. George R. Christmas, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps; and Lt. Gen. Michael D. McGinty, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Department of the Air Force; John W. Marsh, Jr., former Secretary of the Army and Chairman, Task Force on Quality of Life; and Adm. William D. Smith, USN (Ret.), Senior Fellow, Center for Naval Analysis.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement began hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on the Department of Energy budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Charles Curtis, Deputy Secretary; Victor Reis, Assistant Secretary, Defense Programs; and John Rohlfing, Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security; Harold Smith, Jr., Assistant to the Secretary, Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Matters, Department of Defense; and the following Directors, National Laboratories: Sig Hecker, Los Alamos; Bruce Tarter, Lawrence Livermore; and Paul Robinson, President and Director, Sandia.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development continued hearings in the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on the chemical-biological defense program and response to urban terrorism. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ted Pro Civ, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Chemical and Biological Matters; Maj. Gen. George E. Friel, USA, Commander, U.S. Army Chemical and Biological Defense Command; RAdm. Scott A. Frey, USN, Deputy Director, Strategy and Policy, Joint Staff; and Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Swain, USA, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Missions and Applications, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict; G. Clay Hollister, Deputy Associate Director, Response and Recovery, FEMA; Robert Blitzer, Acting Section

Chief, Domestic Terrorism, FBI, Department of Fire and Rescue Services, State of Maryland.

EFFECTIVE DEATH PENALTY AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 2703, the Effective Death Penalty and Public Safety Act of 1996, providing one hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides for the consideration of only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules, which shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. It shall be in order at any time for the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary or a designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments not previously disposed of which are printed in the report of the Committee on Rules or germane modifications thereof. The rule provides that amendments offered en bloc shall be considered as read (except that modifications shall be reported), and shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designee. The rule permits the original proponent of an amendment included in an en bloc amendment to insert a statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD immediately prior to the disposition of the amendments en bloc. The rule provides that after passage of H.R. 2703, it shall be in order to take S. 735 from the Speaker's table and consider it in the House. The rule allows for a motion to strike all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and insert the text of H.R. 2703 as passed by the House. Finally, the rule provides that it shall be in order to move that the House insist in its amendment(s) to S. 735 and request a conference.

Testimony was heard from Representatives McColium, Schiff, Bryant of Tennessee, Barr, Burton of Indiana, Cunningham, Bachus, Bartlett of Maryland,

Horn, Istook, Manzullo, Quinn, Martini, Salmon, Conyers, Frank of Massachusetts, Schumer, Nadler, Watt of North Carolina, Jackson-Lee, Markey, Hoyer, Traficant, Skaggs, Slaughter, DeLauro, Hastings of Florida, and Stupak.

OVERSIGHT—RAIL SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads continued oversight hearings on Rail Safety: Equipment and FRA Regulatory Procedures. Testimony was heard from Jolene Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Dennis Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK); and public witnesses.

POVERTY CAUSES—OUT-OF-WEDLOCK BIRTHS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the causes of poverty, with a focus on out-of-wedlock births. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rangel, Talent, Hutchinson and Clayton; and public witnesses.

NRO FORWARDING FUND

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on NRO forward funding. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold closed and open hearings on the Department of Energy Atomic Energy Defense Programs (Nuclear Stockpile Stewardship and Management), 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on manpower, personnel, and compensation programs, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense plan, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to resume hearings on the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, opened for signature and signed by the United States at Paris on January 13, 1993 (Treaty Doc. 103-21), 2 p.m., SD-419.